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For. **RECORDING MEDIUM TYPE DETERMINING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM TYPE DETERMINING METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper, and include both an attached set of replacement sheet and an attached set of annotated sheet showing changes to FIG. 9.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figure is attached following page 4 of this paper.